

Medigap Closed Block Modification to Medigap Creditable and Non-Creditable Coverage Notices

NOTE: Please refer to the Medigap Creditable Coverage Guidance that is included in the list of documents posted on the CMS Creditable Coverage website to determine if and how the following language should be inserted into the Medigap notices of creditable/noncreditable coverage.

If You Enroll By May 15, 2006, in a Plan that Provides Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage

If you decide to enroll by May 15, 2006, in one of the new plans that provide Medicare prescription drug coverage, you can keep your current Medigap policy. However, Federal law requires us to remove the prescription drug benefits, and your premium will change. [In your case, the new premium will be [insurer insert the dollar amount of premium].] If you choose this option, you must notify us promptly [insert options for notifying issuer].

(Note that once we remove the drug coverage from your Medigap policy, you cannot get it back even if you later decide to leave the Medicare plan.)

Federal law also generally requires us to offer you the option of canceling your existing Medigap policy and enrolling, regardless of your health, in any Plan A, B, C, F, K or L that we otherwise make available to new enrollees. However, we are no longer selling any of these plans to anyone. Therefore, this option is not available to you.

You may also choose to get your Medicare prescription drug coverage through a Medicare Advantage plan. A Medicare Advantage Plan is a company such as an HMO that contracts with the federal government to provide your Medicare benefits. Because a Medigap policy can't work with a Medicare Advantage plan, you may decide it is best for you to cancel your policy. If you keep the policy when you enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, please notify us promptly because we are required to eliminate the drug coverage from your policy.

If You Enroll After May 15, 2006, in a Plan that Provides Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage